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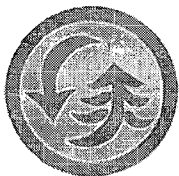
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Please see attached letter of support from the USCC to Mayor Newsome.

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## US Composting Council

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March 10, 2010

Mayor Gavin Newsom  
City Hall – Room 200  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

### Re: Support for San Francisco Biosolids Composting Program

Dear Mayor Newsom:

The U.S. Composting Council (USCC) would like to express our strong support for the recycling and use of biosolids compost, as exemplified by your Public Utilities Commission's biosolids management program, which includes composting and a public compost give-away program. We commend the Commission for its openness with regards to its process and products. Numerous studies and peer-reviewed articles have shown that biosolids-based composts, when properly manufactured, tested, and used in accordance with Federal and State guidelines, provide many benefits while being safe for use.

The U.S. Composting Council is a national trade and professional organization that includes compost manufacturers, local government, equipment suppliers and others. The USCC is dedicated to the development and expansion of the composting industry based upon science, principles of sustainability, and economic viability.

We currently have over 600 members, and there are over 4,000 composting facilities in the U.S. Our members design and implement collection programs which divert organic materials (biosolids, food scraps, leaves, grass and yard trimmings), from landfills and create valuable soil amendment products which can be used in a variety of beneficial applications, e.g., restoring agricultural and other soils, and providing erosion control. The US EPA estimates that 21 million tons of organics were diverted from landfills in 2007. Composting is increasingly seen as a way to reduce greenhouse gas impacts (by keeping methane-generating materials out of landfills); reduce water pollution (by providing stormwater runoff control) and to enhance our degraded agricultural soils (by adding nutrients and organic matter back into fields).

We appreciate San Francisco's leadership on behalf of the nation's composters. We encourage the program to continue to promote composting, the use of high quality compost, and proactive engagement with the community.

If there is any further support we can provide, please feel free to contact the USCC.

Sincerely,

Wayne King  
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